MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventy-Sixth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Muskingum Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

Falls of Licking Church,

AUGUST 21, 22 AND 23, 1885.

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Minutes of the Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Muskingum Baptist Association, held at F. of L. Church, Muskingum County, Ohio, August 21, 22 and 23, 1885

AUGUST 21; 10 o'clock A.M.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. John Prichard, from St. Sohn, 5th chapter, 25th verse. The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Moderator and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled and the Statistics noted as follows:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS AND TIME OF HOLDING MEETINGS	Rec'd by Bapt'sm	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Number.	Contributions.
Falls of Licking, Musk'm co; John Dorsey, L. C. Prior and William Beal	D. T. Poynter, 2d Lord's day	1	..	..	..	..	2	47	$ 3 45
Hopewell Perry co.; by letter	E. Barker, 1st Lord's day	..	..	..	..	..	2	15	2 50
Union, Perry co.; Jacob Grove, Jno. Neal and A. A. Cherry	G. N. Tussing, 4th Lord's day	..	..	..	1	1	..	24	5 00
Lancaster, Fairfield co.; G.W. Starner, Jonas Fartig and Thos. Croy	Wm. Fisher, 4th Lord's day	..	1	..	..	..	1	14	1 50
Lexington, Perry co.; W. H. Hickman, Thomas David and G. W. Moore	W. H. Hickman, 4th Lord's day	5	1	1	..	..	..	48	5 00
Timber Run, Muskingum co.; Robt Bolen, John Brandon and G. D. Burley	W. H. Hickman, 3d Lord's day	1	..	..	..	1	..	31	3 00
Bethel, Noble co.; John Jordan and J. Downey	E. Barker, 3d Lord's day	..	..	..	2	..	..	32	5 10
Beulah, Musking'm co.; John Crown, J. O. Redman and Stephen Francis	John Prichard, 1st Lord's day	1	..	..	..	3	..	34	3 35
Mt. Pleasant, Perry co.; L. Richards	John Croy, 3d Lodr's day	..	..	..	..	..	1	11	1 25
York; Muskingum co.; not heard from.									
Zoar, Musk. co.; David Woodruff	John Croy, 2d Lord's day	..	..	..	2	..	..	16	1 40
Mt. Olive, Morgan co.; John Croy and C. M. Mathew	John Croy, 1st Lord's day	1	..	..	..	..	..	15	1 65
Scott's Creek, Hocking co.; A. Nixon, E.C. Harsh & S. Beery	W. H. Hickman, 2d Lord's day	2	..	..	..	..	3	55	3 25
Goshen, Musk. co.; by letter	Z. K. Holliday, 2d Lord's day	4	..	..	..	..	1	28	1 70
Pleasant Hill, Licking co.; J. O. Cooksey, Wm. Painter and M. Porter	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day	1	1	..	..	1	2	47	5 35
Enon, Guernsey co.; by letter	Z. K. Holliday, 1st Lord's day	..	..	..	..	2	2	20	1 10
Jonathan's Creek, Licking co.; John Gutridge, Peter Gutridge and E. Barker	E. Barker, 4th Lord's day	..	..	..	..	..	1	49	3 22
Monday Creek, Perry co.; not heard from.									
St. Louisvile, Licking co.; Jno. Prichard, Dawson McQueen and J. E. Stevens	John Prichard, 2d Lord's day	2	1	..	..	..	1	34	3 09
Friendship, at Hogg's run, Licking co.; P. W. Brubaker, S. E. Rhodes and Alf. Beall	Daniel Hess, 3d Lord's day	..	..	..	..	..	1	29	3 00
Friendship, near Linnville, Licking co.; Leonidas Handley, Daniel G. Dickinson and Thos. D. Lawrence	No Pastor, 2d Lord's day	..	..	..	..	..	2	35	3 00
Harmony, Licking co.; John Skinner and Jos. Beaver	G. D. Burley, 3d Lord's day	..	..	..	..	..	1	17	4 70
	Total	18	4	1	5	8	20	601	$61 61

NOTE—Saturday preceding each Lord's day mentioned in the foregoing table is the day of business of the respective Churches.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock P.M

Benediction by Eld. John Prichard.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1 O'CLOCK P.M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

1. Prayer by Eld. G. D. Burley.

2. The messengers' names were called.

3. Organized for the present Session by choosing Eld. John Prichard Moderator and J. E. Stevens Clerk.

4. The Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were read.

5. Committees were appointed as follows:

On Arrangements—Eld. E. Barker, Brethren Mathew Porter and Stephen Francis.

On Preaching—The Messengers of the Falls of Licking Church.

On Funds—Brethren J. O. Cooksey, Peter Gutridge and William Painter.

On Visitation Meetings—Eld. G. D. Burley, and Brethren Robert Bolin and A. Nixon.

6. Churches wishing to unite with the Association were called for.

7. Correspondence from Sister Associations was called for, and was presented as follows:

Miami—Eld. J. C. Reed and Minutes.

Sciota—Eld. Z. K. Holliday and Minutes.

Sandusky—Eld. G. A. Bretz and Minutes.

Pocatalico—Eld. W. Melton.

Owl Creek Harmony—Eld. A. S. Shoemaker and Minutes.

8. Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Miami—Eld. John Prichard.

Sciota—Eld. W. H. Hickman.

Sandusky—Eld. Ephriam Barker.

Pocatalico—Eld. G. D. Burley.

Owl Creek Harmony—Eld. John Bolin.

9. The Circular Letter written by Eld. John Prichard, and the Corresponding Letter written by Eld. John Bolin, were called for, read, and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

10. That the Committee on Preaching, to appoint the preachers to fill the stand during the Association, do so as they may think proper.

11. That the Table presented by Eld. John Prichard for ascertaining what months of any year have five Sundays be inserted in the Minutes.

12. Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by Eld. E. Barker.

SATURDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. W. H. Hickman.

The messengers' names were called.

1. The Committee on Arrangements reported the Minutes of last year as the order of business.

2. That the Circular and Corresponding Letters be adopted.

3. That Eld. W. H. Hickman write the Circular and Eld. E. Barker the Corresponding Letters for next year.

4. That the next Association be held with the Jonathan's Creek Church, Licking County, Ohio. The introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. W. H. Hickman; but in case of his failure, by Eld. G. D. Burley.

5. That the Committee on Visitation Meetings report to the Clerk at any time during the Association.

6. Moved and seconded that the Committee on Funds report to the Clerk at any time during the Session.

7. That the the Rule requiring "that what surplus money is left with the Clerk after paying necessary expenses and Corresponding Messengers, who fail to attend the appointments given them, report the money they have in their hands to the next Association," be inserted in the Rules of Decorum.

8. The Committee on Funds reported as follows:

Contributions	$61 61
Refunded by the Clerk	3 00
Eld. Prichard (C. M.)	5 30
Total	$69 91

Appropriated as follows:

Minutes and Distribution	$20 00
Clerk	5 00
Carried forward	$25 00

Brought forward		$25 00
Miami Association	(Elder Prichard	11 82
Sciota "	(Elder Hickman)	5 20
Sandusky "	(Elder Barker)	9 42
Pocatalico "	(Elder Burley)	14 84
Owl Creek H."	(Elder Bolin)	3 62
Difference		01
Total		$69 91

9. The Committee on Visitation Meetings reported as follows:

FALLS OF LICKING — Fourth Lord's day in October, at the Upper House; Eld. Z. K. Holliday. And Fourth Lord's day in May at the Lower House; Eld. G. N. Tussing.

LANCASTER — Fifth Lord's day in May; Eld. E. Barker.

TIMBER RUN—Third Lord's day in September; Eld. D. T. Poynter.

LEXINGTON — Fourth Lord's day in May; Elders Poynter and Hickman.

BETHEL — Fifth Lord's day in November; Eld. John Prichard.

BEULAH — Fifth Lord's day in November; Eld. D. T. Poynter. And First Lord's day in July; Elders Prichard and Holliday.

MT. PLEASANT — Third Lord's day in October; Eld. Fisher.

ZOAR — Second Lord's day in October; Eld. Fisher.

MT. OLIVE — Fourth Lord's day in September; Eld. G. D. Burley.

GOSHEN — Second Lord's day in November; Eld. Benjamin Lampton.

PLEASANT HILL — Second Lord's day in November; Eld. E. Barker. And Fifth Lord's day in May; Eld. Z. K. Holliday.

JONATHAN'S CREEK — Third Lord's day in November; Elders Lampton and Holliday.

ST. LOUISVILLE — Fifth Lord's day in January; Eld. E. Barker. And First Lord's day in March; Eld. G. A. Bretz.

FRIENDSHIP, NEAR LINNVILLE — Second Lord's day in November; Elders Sherwood and Bolin.

HARMONY — Third Lord's day in October; Elder J. Croy.*

10. The Minutes were read and approved.

* NOTE—All the above meetings to commence on Saturday preceding the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock A.M.

11. Adjourned to meet with the Jonathan's Creek Church* on Friday before the Fourth Lord's day in August, 1886, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

12. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELD. JOHN PRICHARD, *Moderator.*

J. E. STEVENS, *Clerk.*

PREACHING ON THE STAND.

Friday afternoon, Bro. Lewis Herod; from Gal., 6th chapter, 1st verse. And Eld. G. A. Bretz; from John, 3d chapter, 7th verse.

Benediction by by Eld. J. Prichard.

Saturday, 9 o'clock A.M., Eld. W. Melton; John, 6th chapter, 39th and 40th verses. Followed by Eld. Z. K. Holliday; James, 3d chapter, 15th, 16th and 17th verses.

Saturday afternoon, Elder Shoemaker; Eph., 2d chapter, 10th verse. Followed by Eld. L. Potter; Eph., 2d chapter, 11th verse, on.

Benediction by Bro. L. Herod.

Sunday, 9:30 o'clock A.M., Eld. J. C. Reed; 1st Cor., 10th chapter, 1st to 7th verses. Followed by Eld. G. N. Tussing; Eph. 1st chapter, 7th verse.

Sunday afternoon, Eld. L. Potter; 2d Peter, 1st chapter, 2d verse.

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*NOTE—The Jonathan's Creek Meeting House is situated near the village of Gratiot, Licking County, Ohio, and those who may wish to attend the Association next year by public conveyance can get off at Jacksontown station, on the Straitsville division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, about one mile west of the village of Jacksontown on the National road. A hack leaves Jacksontown daily, at 6 o'clock A.M., going east to Zanesville. Leaves Zanesville, going west, at 1 o'clock P.M., daily. Hence, all persons coming by railroad to Jacksontown station or Zanesville can reach Gratiot by hack, and have but a short distance to go, perhaps a half mile or a mile, to the meeting. Gratiot is twelve miles west of Zanesville and about the same distance east of Jacksontown railroad station.

Concerning the last session, the weather was quite warm but favorable; the business was transacted pleasantly and harmoniously; the attendance was good; the preaching was a unit, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. CLERK.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Muskingum Predestinarian Baptist Association, now in session with the Falls of Licking Church, Muskingum County, Ohio, to the several Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian solutation:

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Through the tender mercy of an indulgentFather, we are once more permitted to meet in an associate capacity, and to hear from each other. We are much gratified in receiving Messengers from corresponding Associations

Brethren let us strive to cultivate love and fellowship. How beautiful it is to dwell together in unity! May God grant us wisdom to avoid divisions, but may we contend for the Truth. The Gospel Truth makes no divisions among the children of God. Brethren, let us not depart from from the Rule laid down in God's Word. Dear Brethren may our desires arise to God, who alone is able to heal our backslidings, and preserve us in peace and unity, that we may walk hand in hand, and see eye to eye, until he be pleased to call us home, where divisions can never come.

BRETHREN, FAREWELL.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Muskingum Old School Baptist Association in session with the Falls of Licking Church, Muskingum County, Ohio, August 21st, 22d, and 23d, 1885, to the several Churches composing her body, sendeth Christian love:

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—In Time's rapid march we are again permitted to meet in an Associate capacity, where we have the kindly greetings of the many Messengers, and also many of the members from Churches composing our body. But some dear Brethren and Sisters, whom we have met in former Associations, we shall meet no more on earth. Some of our dear Brethren in the Ministry have been called to their final rest, and we shall hear their voices no more on the stand at our Associations. Their counsel and advice we shall have no more in our deliberative bodies. But more to be deplored, and that which causes us grief, is the fact that the usefulness of some, under whose ministry we have sat with pleasure, is, we fear at an end among us. Which *fact* calls aloud for us to be on the Watch Towers, and particularly, that we watch *ourselves*, and see that we do not *say* anything, or *do* anything that will *in any way* wound the feelings or destroy the usefulness of any of the dear people of God. We should ever cherish a due regard for each other's feelings and opinions, and strive together for peace. May we ever have before us, the blessed example of our Savior, who made himself of no reputation, but took upon himself the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death. Oh, let us behold his nail pierced hands! his

thorn-pierced temples! *Hear* his dying groans on the Cross of Calvary! Oh, may Almighty God bring this home by his spirit! May our proud hearts be humbled and our love of vain glory and worldly gain vanish; and we be made to love the sanctuary more than the vain pleasures of earth. Then may all jealousies, back-bitings and envyings be done away, and each esteem others better than himself — thus walking humbly before God. FAREWELL.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

Falls of Licking — Elders John Crabtree and William Butler.

Hopewell — Names not given.

Lancaster — Jane Nevlim.

Mt. Pleasant — Name not given.

Scott's Creek — David Shultz, Peter Pleuharp and Caroline Tumbleson.

Goshen — Thomas Humphrey, died May 9th, 1885.

Pleasant Hill—Samuel Rector and John Bilby.

Enon — Harriet Dickerson and Lucy Warton.

Jonathan's Creek — Elenor Winegarner.

St. Louisville — Sarah Stout.

Friendship, at Hog Run — Lue Flory.

Friendship, near Linnville—Names not given.

Harmony — Name not given.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

JOHN PRICHARD, St. Louisville, Licking County, Ohio.
SAMUEL MEREDITH, Linnville, Licking County, Ohio.
EPHRIAM BARKER, Gratiot Licking County, Ohio.
JOHN BOLIN, Newark, Licking County, Ohio.
D. T. POYNTER, Box 145, Newark, Licking County, Ohio.
JOHN CROY, Elliott's Cross Roads, Morgan County, Ohio.
WILLIAM NEWLAN, Portersville, Perry County, Ohio.
GEORGE D. BURLEY, Hopewell, Muskingum County, Ohio.
WILLIAM FISHER, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.
GEORGE N. TUSSING, Columbus, Ohio.
W. H. HICKMAN, New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio.
LOUIS KAGY, Pleasantville, Fairfield County, Ohio.
WOOSTON MELTON, Upland, Mason County, West Virginia.
WILLIAM LIPPINCOTT, St. Paris, Champaign County, Ohio.
Z. K. HOLLIDAY, New Salem, Fairfield County, Ohio.
G. W. TULLOSS, Fredericktown, Knox County, Ohio.
GEORGE WADDLE, Sabina, Clinton County, Ohio.
A. S. SHOEMAKER, Ashley, Delaware County, Ohio.
J. C. REED, Blanchester, Ohio.
G. A. BRETZ, Milton, Centre, Ohio.
LEMUEL POTTER, Cynthiana, Posey County, Indiana.
LEWIS HEROD, (Licentiate), Marengo, Morrow County, Ohio.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERKS.

Falls of Licking — William Beal, Dresden, Muskingum County, O.
Hopewell — John Forsythe, Sago, Perry County, O.
Union — Samuel Buriff, New Salem, Fairfield County, O.
Lancaster — G. W. Starner, Lancaster, Fairfield County, O.
Lexington — G. W. Moore, New Lexington, Perry County, O.
Timber Run — John Allen, Hopewell, Muskingum County, O.
Bethel — Bartholomew Davis, Nobleville, Noble County, O.
Beulah — Stephen Francis, Toboso, Licking County O.
Mt. Pleasant — L. Richards, Crooksville, Perry County, O.
Zoar — Richard Wells, Brush Creek, Muskingum County, O.
York — William Newlon, Porterville, Perry County, O.
Mt. Olive — John Croy, Elliott's Cross Roads, Morgan County, O.
Scott's Creek — E. C. Harsh, Logan, Hocking County, O.
Goshen — J. Crozier, Cumberland, Guernsey County, O.
Pleasant Hill — J. O. Cooksey, Cooksey, Licking County, O.
Enon — B. F. Freeman, Byesville, Guernsey County, O.
Jonathan's Creek — Daniel Norman, Hopewell, Muskingum County, Ohiu.
Monday Creek — Thomas Nixon, New Straitsville, Perry County, O.
St. Louisville — J. E. Stevens, Box 422, Newark, O.
Friendship, at Hog Run — A. T. Jury, Jacksontown, Licking County, Ohio.
Friendship, near Linnville — T. D. Lawrence, Linnville, Licking County, Ohio.
Harmony — Ephriam Richards, Alexandria, Licking County, O.

TABLE

Showing on What Day Each Year Comes in, up to the Year 1900.

1885 and 1891.....come in on.....Thursday
1886 and 1897.....come in on.....Friday
1887 and 1898.....come in on.....Saturday
1889, 1895 and 1899.....come in on.....Tuesday
1890 and 1900.....come in on.....Wednesday
1893.....comes in on.....Sunday
1894.....comes in on.....Monday

LEAP YEARS.

1888.....comes in on.....Sunday
1892.....comes in on.....Friday
1896.....comes in on.....Wednesday

SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR

Following is a table showing the months of any year, that contain five Sundays. If the new year comes in on Sunday, then the months opposite that day in the table will contain five Sundays. If the year comes in on Monday, then the months opposite that day will contain five Sundays, and so on through all the days of the week. This rule does not apply to Leap Year:

SUNDAY.....January, April, July, October, December
MONDAY.....April, July, September, December
TUESDAY.....March, June, September, December
WEDNESDAY.....March, June, August, November
THURSDAY.....March, May, August, November
FRIDAY.....January, May, August, October
SATURDAY.....January, May, July, October

RULE FOR LEAP YEAR.

SUNDAY.....January, April, July, September
MONDAY.....March, June, September, November
TUESDAY.....March, June, August, November
WEDNESDAY.....March, May, August, November
THURSDAY.....February, May, August, October
FRIDAY.....January, May, July, October
SATURDAY.....January, April, July, October, December

JOHN PRICHARD.